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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 372

FOR EMBASSY CAPETOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MPLA "FOREIGN MINISTER" TO SWEDEN

REF: STOCKHOLM 338

1. BO HEINEBECK, MFA AFRICAN DESK OFFICER, HAS GIVEN US
RUN DOWN ON VISIT TO STOCKHOLM OF MPLA "FOREIGN MINISTER"
JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO HEINEBECK,
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DOS SANTOS MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON

SECRETARY GENERAL SVERKER ASTROM AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR LEIFLANDJM THE TALKS, HEINEBECK SAID, WENT
"EXTREMELY WELL."

2. ACCORDING TO HEINEBECK, DOS SANTOS PRESSED FOR GOS
RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. HE CLAIMED
THAT MPLA HAD "CRUSHED" MFNLA IN NORTH AND IS NOW TURNING
TO SOUTH TO STRIKE AGAINST UNITA. HEINEBECK SAID THAT
DOS SANTOS REJECTED SUGGESTIONS BY SWEDISH HOSTS THAT
MPLA CONSIDER FORMING COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH UNITA,
ASSERTING THAT LATTER IS IN AN "ALLIANCE" WITH SOUTH
AFRICA. DOS SANTOS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ANGOLA HAD
EXPERIENCED TWO "WARS OF LIBERATION." THE FIRST WAS
AGAINST PORTUGAL AND THE SECOND, THE CURRENT CONFLICT,
AGAINST UNITA AND THE FNLA, "ALLIED" WITH ZAIRE, THE
US, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON, HEINEBECK CONTINUED,
EXPRESSED GOS "SYMPATHY" FOR MPLA CAUSE WHICH HE CLAIMED
HAD "STRUGGLED FOR INDEPENDENCE AND WORKED TO PROMOTE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS." HOWEVER, ANDERSSON
REITERATED GOS POSITION (REFTEL) THAT IT COULD NOT RPT
NOT RECOGNIZE ANY GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA UNIL SITUATITN
"STABILIZES". GOS POLICY IS THAT TO BE RECOGNIZED,
GOVERNMENT IN QUESTION MUST HAVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF ITS
TERRITORY AND THIS IS CURRENTLY NOT THE CASE IN ANGOLA,
ANDERSSON TOLD DOS SANTOS. THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER
CONDEMNED THE PRESENCE OF SOUTHAFRICAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA,
BUT ALSO URGED THAT "ALL FOREIGN TROOPS" SHOULD BE
WITHDRAWN FROM THAT COUNTRY. DOS SANTOS REPORTEDLY
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "CERTAIN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" HAD
PROVIDED HELP TO MPLA, BUT INSISTED THIS WAS ONLY IN
RESPONSE TO "IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION."

4. DOS SANTOS ALSO MET WITH AID MINISTER GERTRUD
SIGURDSEN AND OFFICIALS IN THE AID SECTION OF THE MFA.
(AID SECTION HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN MORE HEAVILY INFLUENCED
BY FAR LEFT IST IDEOLOGY THAN POLITICAL SIDE
OF MFA). HEINEBECK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AID OFFICIALS BACKED BY
LEFTWING OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- ARE STRONGLY
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FAVORABLE TO MPLA.

5. HEINEBECK DESCRIBED DOS SANTOS -- AN OIL ENGINEER -- AS
A "SOFT-SPOKEN YOUNG MAN" WHO WAS ABLE TO ARTICULATE
EFFECTIVELY IN FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE. IN EMBASSY VIEW, DOS
SANTOS CAME ACROSS IN TV INTERVIEW AS GLIB ALBEIT
EFFECTIVE PROPAGANDIST.
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